



The Phoenix: We Rise Together!

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Weekly Highlights:		Trending
Wk of Jan 8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan 8 - Welcome Back!Tamil Heritage MonthJan 8 - Art Lunch ProgramJan 8 & Jan 10 Afterschool TutoringJan 10 - DABR = Arts WorkshopsJan 10 -Session 2 Pizza day beginsJan 10 pm - TDSS Guidance WorkshopsJan 12 - Lunch Lady	<div>January Eco Theme</div> <div>GOOS - Good On One Side</div> <div>Tips For Home and School</div> <div></div> <div>A GOOS box will help encourage staff and students to reduce and reuse paper first, before recycling. Reusing paper will contribute significantly to reducing the amount of paper used at school and in our homes. To ensure a successful system: create the boxes and place them near recycling bins, printers/copiers and fax machines; post a “catchy” and highly visible sign on the boxes: have someone monitor the boxes to ensure they are neat and being used properly: and communicate how the system operates to children and your family. Encourage everyone to turn fax cover sheets, misprints and draft copy paper that has been printed on only one side into scratch pads for messages, doodle pads, notes, etc.</div> <div>Have fun GOOSING!</div>
Wk of Jan 15 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan 15 Art lunch ProgramJan 15 & Jan 17 Afterschool TutoringJan 15 - Arts Baythorn Reg. OpensJan 16 - Girls Inter. Basketball - LunchJan 17 - Pizza DayJan 19 - Kindergarten Reg. Opens Today!Jan 19 - PA Day - No School for Students	
Wk of Jan 22 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan 22 - Art Lunch ProgramJan 22 & Jan 24 Afterschool TutoringJan 24 - Pizza DayJan 25 - 26 - Dental Screening- Jk- Sk, Gr. 2, & 7Jan 26 - Lunch LadyJan 27 - Family Literacy Day	
Wk of Jan 29 - 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan 29 - Art Lunch ProgramJan 29 & Jan 31 Afterschool TutoringJan 31 - Pizza Day	
<div><div>COMING SOON!</div><div>In February</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Feb - Black History MonthFeb 1 - CarnavalFeb 2 - PA Day - No SchoolFeb 5 - 23 - Dance Instruction WeeksFeb 6 - Girls Junior VolleyballFeb 6 - Last Day for Year 2 Kindergarten families to register for French ImmersionFeb 8 - Boys Junior VolleyballFeb 10 - Lunar New YearFeb 14 - Valentine Day - For those who celebrate!Feb 19 - Family Day - No SchoolFeb 28 - Anti-Bullying - Pink Shirt dayFeb 29 - Gr. 8 Grad Photo Day</div>		



January: Tamil Heritage Month

A call for families, parents and community partners to volunteer as part of a collaborative team of staff and student voices!

January marks the beginning of Tamil Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on the rich history, culture, resiliency, and strength of Tamil communities across the country.

We are reaching out to families to join staff and students in planning this significant month in collaboration with us. Please reach out to our School Equity Lead Mrs. Kala Henry via email: kala.henry@gapps.yrdsb.ca if you would like to share a resource or join in the planning team. We look forward to your support.

Every Wednesday, beginning on
January 10, 2024

is

Pizza Day

at

Fossil Hill P.S.



Little Caesars™

Session #2 – January 10 - March 27

Put in your order through Cashonline here:

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

No Cash Sales

THE LUNCH LADY

We are proud to be serving

Fossil Hill PS in Woodbridge on Fridays
beginning January 12th, and every Friday
thereafter! Please place your order
before 7am the day of delivery!



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Add
student(s)
(customers)
then select
Order Now



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to cart
(return to
calendar for
more dates)



Check out
and
complete
your order



Relax and
let us
do the
rest!



Special Food needs?
Email us before your
first order.



Reduce single use plastics.
Bring your own cutlery
from home.



Sick child?
It happens. Email us before 8am
to receive a credit.

We're here to help! Contact Pam at Brampton@thelunchlady.ca

Kindergarten Registration is OPEN ON JANUARY 19!

We are open for Kindergarten Registration on January 19. Families are encouraged to visit our office from 9:00 to 3:00 pm or register through the portal P.S. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/fossilhill.ps/info/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>

French Immersion

Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

Information is available on the [Board's website](#). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Information Sessions

This year, our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place in French Immersion schools on **January 18, 2024, at 7 p.m.** Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If families are unable to attend the information session, they can hear about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2024. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to **register by February 6, 2024.** Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Dental Screening at Fossil Hill Public School

January 25 - January 26, 2024

On January 25 and 26 York Region Public Health's Child and Youth Dental Program will be providing dental screening for children in Grades JK, SK, 2, and 7, and select other grades as requested by parents/guardians in our school. Please reach out to York Region Public Health Dental Screening if you have any questions. The contact numbers are listed in the letter. If parents request not to have their child participate, please contact the office. The attached documents are made available to you for your reference.

Thanks, Fossil Hill PS

HOW TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Community and Health Services
Public Health Branch



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will be receiving a **secure** (encrypted) email from York Region Public Health. It will include important information about your child's school dental screening results.

To open the encrypted email from childrens.dental@york.ca and/or dental.screening@york.ca, please follow the steps below.

Step 1 - Open the encrypted email and select **"Read the message"**

Step 2 - Select the preferred option:

Option 1: Sign in with a "Google Account" or

Option 2: Sign in with a one-time passcode

- Go back to your inbox and check for a new email with the subject **"Microsoft Office 365. Your one-time passcode to view the message"**
- Get your passcode and return to your open internet tab to enter the code
- Enter the passcode and select **Continue** to access the document

Tips

- Open an encrypted email from your desktop, not a mobile device and close multiple tabs open to the internet
- Use the one-time passcode method

Troubleshooting

- Click [here](#) for further help on "How Do I Open a Protected Message" or
- Watch this [short video](#) about opening an O365 Encrypted Email

Questions/concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns opening the email please contact us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388.

Visit york.ca/dental anytime for oral health tips and information.

CHILD AND YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAM

The Regional Municipality of York, 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket Ontario L3Y 8V3

1-877-464-9675 ext 74388 | TTY: 1-866-512-6228

childrens.dental@york.ca

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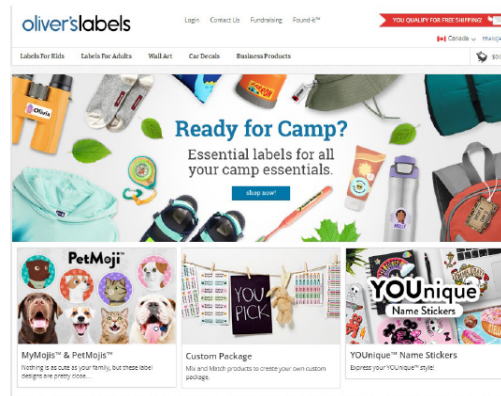


Labels for Belongings

Fossil Hill Families, are you looking for labels for your belongings? School Council has the direct link to assist you with customizing labels for you and your family. Sign up and join in through Fossil Hill Public School. Labels will be mailed directly to your home. As an Oliver's Labels Fundraiser, Fossil will earn 20% commission every time someone places an order.

Our custom website address is now live at:

<http://www.oliverslabels.com/FossilHillPS>



LIVE LINK HERE:

<http://www.oliverslabels.com/FossilHillPS>

Kleinberg New School Opening Update

Student Registration

Holding schools will be accepting registrations for all grades, including Kindergarten, with the required documentation, for the new school opening in September 2024. Parents will receive detailed information sometime in January in supporting the new school registration process.

New School Information Meeting for Families

New school information meetings with Superintendents and Trustees will occur in **late February/early March**. In early January 2024, we will be sharing information to holding school parents/students regarding:

- the new school information meeting;
- an FAQ; and
- a letter for our current Grade 7 (Unnamed Kleinburg/Nashville Elementary School), students holding at our school giving them the option to remain at their holding school until graduation.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site.

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Health Reminders

As winter approaches, it is also a good time to review how to [protect yourself from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses](#). Visit York Region's website to reference details about symptoms, transmission, treatment and testing:

<https://www.york.ca/health/covid-19/symptoms-transmission-treatment-and-testing>

Screening: Students and staff who have symptoms of illness can [take the COVID-19 self-assessment here](#). Individuals can screen daily for signs of illness and stay home when sick.

Personal Protective Equipment Masking: Masks are not required for students, staff and visitors in schools, school board offices, or on student transportation, however YRDSB learning and working environments continue to be mask-friendly.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs): All Ontario School District School Boards will have continued access to RATs until December 31, 2023. RATs are available to staff/students on request. RATs are also available through other locations, including at your local pharmacies.

Vaccines: Vaccination is one of the best ways to protect you and your family from COVID-19 and the flu. Everyone aged 6 months and older is able to get their COVID-19 and flu vaccines now. Book your appointment at [york.ca/Covid19Vaccines](https://www.york.ca/Covid19Vaccines) or call Access York (1-877-464-9675). You can also get vaccinated at a [participating pharmacy](#), doctor or nurse practitioner. Learn more about the [flu shot](#) and [COVID-19 vaccines](#).

Cleaning protocols/funding: YRDSB will continue to review our cleaning protocols to ensure we always meet current public health requirements. Ventilation: School-specific ventilation information is available centrally on the [Board's website](#).

P.A. Day Activities for Elementary Staff

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline activities and expectations for the upcoming elementary professional activity day scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024. Staff will work onsite, unless otherwise specified, with the exception of Elementary Virtual School.

Length: Full Day

Topic: Report Card Preparation, Reporting to Parents, Ongoing Communication

Entity Hosting: All Elementary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Teacher/DECE

Description:

Full Day of Professional activities focused on reporting to parents and ongoing communication regarding student achievement and well-being.



Get Ready for Colder Temperatures

A gentle reminder once again that as the temperature Cools, please ensure that your child is dressed properly for our winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change of clothes is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid losing clothing, it is recommended that parents/guardians label all articles of clothing, including, but not limited to boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants.

SEWING PROGRAM

Due to renewed interest, we were able to rebook Denise Wild's Sewing Studio to come to Fossil Hill from **March 4 - 6, 2024** to teach students in **grades 4 - 8**. The program is being brought in to supplement mentorship, confidence, inclusion, and equity learning. The **cost** for each student will be **\$16.50**. If you already paid for your child to participate in this learning, you don't need to pay again. Students will get the opportunity to finish their customized projects during the sewing session. Please watch the video below to see what your child will be learning during the program.

There are several clips they did on CTV:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?clipId=1866082>

*Please pay your \$16.50 through Cash Online.

<https://schoolcashionline.com/>

Program details - Link to website:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/964519v9bn9u90x/SewingStudio_ProgramPackage.pdf?dl=0

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio

A sewing program that focuses on mentorship, confidence, inclusion, and equity!

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio is coming to our school with a specialty program like you've never seen before... a dynamic, engaging sewing workshop that breaks the creative mold! The Sewing Studio's team of stereotype-busting mentors will guide each student through success, teaching everyone how to sew using a sewing machine. Boys and girls, that means you! Each child will gain confidence, develop their growth mindset, and complete their very own customized project from start to finish, all while being motivated and inspired.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- We come to your school with 15 to 30 sewing machines and our all-star team, and we set up a creative maker space in your library, gym, or available classroom.
- We teach every child (as young as 4 years old) how to properly, safely, and successfully use a sewing machine.
- Highly skilled sewers and mentors coach kids, working on a 1-to-5 ratio, providing an incredible, hands-on experience.
- Confidence-building exercises give a 360° learning experience.

Our all-star sewing mentors are also:

- Fashion designers
- Entrepreneurs
- Athletes
- TV personalities
- Coaches
- Musicians
- Interior designers
- Personal trainers
- Medical professionals
- Motivational speakers

DENISE WILD
CO-FOUNDER
DENISE WILD is a magazine editor, author, and sewing expert who appears regularly on CP24, Cityline, The Morning Show, Your Morning, and Breakfast Television.

ROLAND ACHIAMONG
CO-FOUNDER
ROLAND ACHIAMONG is an All-Canadian athlete and an accomplished entrepreneur with a background in corporate sales, executive management, and business development.

SewingStudioClasses.com | Info@denisewild.com | (888) 448-7706
See program photos under the hashtag #sewingkidsxdenisewild on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

After School Tutoring Program at Fossil Hill PS



Fossil Hill PS will be having an After School Literacy and Math Tutoring program for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive additional support in their areas of need. Students will explore a variety of activities with a focus on higher order thinking with a hands on/minds on learning approach.

The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays, after school for one and a half hours. Ms. D'Andrea, Ms. Vecchio, and Ms. Kausar will be teaching the program with support from Ms. Savage, Ms. Pileggi, and Ms. Persaud. Students' achievement will be tracked and shared with the classroom teachers.

These after school sessions will begin **January 8, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.** and will end on January 31, 2024. During this time, students will receive a healthy snack. **There is no cost for the program.**

Important Notice - Students have already been selected for the program. We are no longer taking new students in the program as we have reached our quota. Please reach out to Ms. Sterling if you have any questions at angue.sterling@yrdsb.ca or via phone.

Parent Engagement Night Survey



We would like to thank you for your continued support. We appreciate you coming out to our Parent Engagement Night on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. It was great to have you join us to reflect and engage in authentic conversation about your parenting style, learn about strategies to support your child/ren mental health and well-being as well as support for the math tutoring program. We would like to continue to provide parents with many opportunities to learn and grow together as a community. Please take a few minutes to provide us with some feedback by completing the survey below to help with

the planning of our next parent event. All information provided will be confidential.

Link to survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2t7XOQDovxAvJ4W3N_7Lznc-hV8qQCjyhbvve6d3A8a8a9A/viewform

TVO Mathify - Please find the demo link for Live Tutoring Session below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqAWGo07Lv4&t=550s>

Information for parent/guardian(s) regarding registration, and digital flyer:

<https://tvomathify.com/terms-of-service>

<https://tvomathify.com/privacy-policy>

A very important reminder that we will be having TVO Mathify come into our school to help our students in grades 4-8 set up their online account for TVO Mathify in order for them to access the free tutoring being offered.